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December 04, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
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Dear Supervisors:

### ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

38 December 4, 2012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
CENTRAL AVENUE LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve the project to construct median landscape improvements on Central Avenue from 127 feet north of 139th Street to 142nd Street in the unincorporated community of West Rancho Dominguez; find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out this project.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for median landscape improvements, in the unincorporated community of West Rancho Dominguez, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$235,000 and \$325,000.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on January 8, 2013, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal

Advertisement.

4. Authorize the Director or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

5. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from the Board, adopt the plans and specifications, advertise for bids, and authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid for the construction of median landscape improvements and the performance of other appurtenant work.

The limits of the project are as follows:

- 127 feet north of 139th Street to 142nd Street

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by enhancing the aesthetics of the street medians along Central Avenue thereby improving the quality of life for community residents.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$235,000 to \$325,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$529,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, right-of-way and utility clearance, materials testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Funding for this project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Measure R Local Return Fund Budget.

The annual maintenance cost of the landscaping improvements is estimated to be \$7,000.

Commencing in Fiscal Year 2013-14, sufficient appropriation will be included in the Second Supervisorial District's Annual Road Construction Program in the Road Fund Budget to finance the ongoing maintenance cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project, to contract for median landscape improvements, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) ongoing program for the improvement of medians. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 65 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April 2013 and be completed in July 2013.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for median landscape improvements.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15301(b) and 15304(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (x)(9) and (x)(10) and Class 4(c) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for parkway tree planting, median beautification, and new landscaping.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Director or her designee will be made upon review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by enhancing the aesthetics of the medians along Central Avenue thereby improving the quality of life for community residents.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

12/4/2012

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly legible.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)